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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation has received proposals forentering into agreement with Multinational Companies for joint production and marketing of small sized satellites;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) the measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of the benefits likely to accrue to ISRO due to said agreements?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B.MOOKHERJEE) :

(a) Yes, Sir. A few international space industries have shown interest in developing alliances with Antrix Corporation, which is the marketing arm of Department of Space for jointly manufacturing and marketing small/medium satellites.

(b)&(c) In the context of exploring possibilities for internationally marketing the capabilities developed by ISRO,Antrix is in touch with leading space industries such as Lockheed Martin and Boeing Space Systems of USA, Alcatel Space Industries of France for forging suitable alliances.

(d) The alliance with leading international space manufacturing industries would result in synergy and provide opportunity to enter into highly competitive global market for satellites developed in India. It also expands the opportunities for launch services and mission support services by ISRO in the international market.